Industries in the backward and Tribal Areas of Orissa

3547. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding setting up of industries in the backward and Tribal areas of Orissa are pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) An Industrial Licence application received for setting up an industrial unit for manufacture of charge chrome/ferro chrome in Balasore District of Orissa (a centrally declared backward District) is presently being processed.

New thermal power stations in Kerala

3548. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding sites selected for establishing new thermal power stations in Kerala State;

(b) by when work on these projects shall be commisioned; and

(c) what will be the Central and State Government's share of investment on these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) have forwarded project reports to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in regard to installation of thermal power stations at Kayakulam (2x210 MW) and Trikaripur (2x210 MW), a diesel generating station (100 MW), based on LSHS, at Cochin (Brahmapuram) and a barge mounted diesel generating station (40 MW) at Cannanore, for implementation in the State Sector. The proposal in respect of a thermal station at Kayamkulam has been techno-economically appraised by the CEA, subject to confirmation of availability of water, environmental clearance and finalisation of the logistics of coal transportation with the railways/port authorities.

The other proposals are under examination in the CEA, in consultation with the various appraising agencies and could be considered for techno-economic clearance after the statutory requirements, as per Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, have been complied with by the KSEB, necessary inputs, such as coal supply and transportation and availability of water etc., have been tied up and requisite clearances have become available.

Oil based power plant

3549. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up an oil based power plant in any part of Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The project feasibility report in respect of an oil-based (LSHS) station at Cochin (Brahmapura), comprising of multiple units of diesel generating sets, aggregating to 100 MW capacity, was received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) in July, 1987.